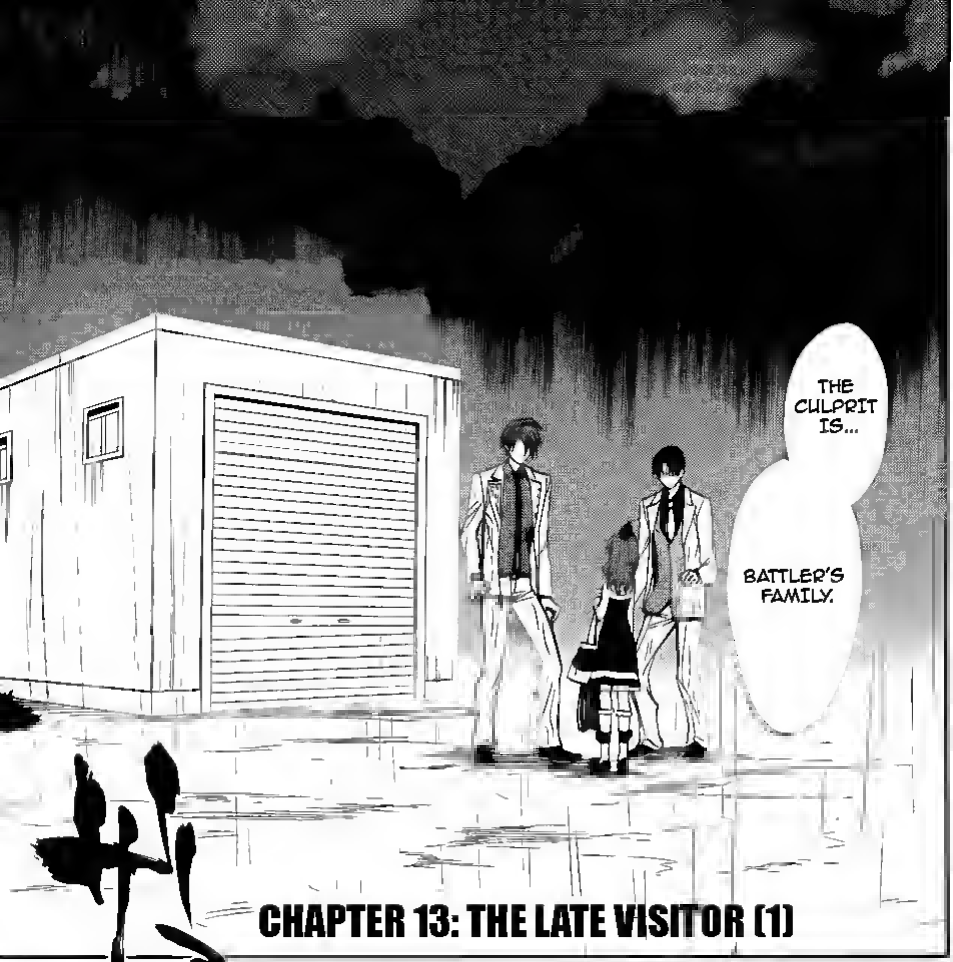

CHAPTER 13: THE LATE VISITOR (1)

THAT CAN'T BE...
BECAUSE PAPA AND MAMA ARE DEAD! FULL OF BLOOD! BLOOD RED!
THEY WOULD NEVER KILL EVERYONE AND MY ONII-CHAN WOULD NEVER HELP WITH THAT!
IMPOSSIBLE.

CU-...
CUT THE CRAP.
MA RI-AAAAA...!!
MARIA ONEE-CHAN'S DEDUCTION IS GARBAGE...!
LE... LET HER GO, BATTLER-KUN!
MARIA-CHAN, YOU TOO...!
PITCH

CORRECT!

THA...
THANK GOD...
KYRIE OBA-SAN...
RU-DOLPH OJI-SAN.

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YOU SEE GEORGE ANIKI'S STUPID FACE, KYRIE -SAN?

DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT, BATTLER -KUN.
...HE SHOULD HAVE DIED AS DIRTY AS HIS PARENTS.
BUT YOU CAN'T REALLY DO MUCH WITH A GUN.
I WOULD HAVE LIKED A FACE MESSED UP WITH A MIX OF SHOCK AND DESPAIR.
THAT'S MY STYLE.
NATSUHI NEE-SAN, NOW THAT HAD STYLE!
STICKING THAT PEN ALL THE WAY INTO THAT PURE THROAT.
RUDOLPH -SAN, YOU BEAST.
THEN SHE WAS CRAMPING ALL OVER THE PLACE!
YOU KILLED JES-SICA, KYRIE -SAN?
THAT HAD SO MUCH STYLE AND SKILL, I ALMOST BURST OUT LAUGHING THERE!
YOU'RE TOO CARE-LESS, BATTLER -KUN.
PEOPLE WILL SEE THROUGH YOU, LIKE MARIA-CHAN DID.
I'M SORRY KYRIE-SAN/ NEXT TIME, OKAY

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DAD
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BATTLER

AAH!
THEY'RE NOT MURDERERS...!!
MY FAMILY CAN'T BE MURDERERS...!!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
UH...
KU... UH...
...UH...
.....!?

KYRIE AND RUDOLPH ARE... THE CULPRITS.
BATTLER'S FAMILY IS... THE CULPRIT.
MURDERER...
CULPRIT...
BATTLER IS... THE CULPRIT...

RUDOLPH
KYRIE AND BATTLER
KILLED THEM ALL
THE TRUE CULPRITS ARE BATTLER AND HIS FAMILY...
BATTLER'S FAMILY CULPRIT THEORY...
BATTLER'S FAMILY CULPRIT THEORY...
YOUR FAMILY. THEY'RE THE CULPRITS.
YOUR PARENTS AND YOUR BROTHER ARE THE CULPRITS...
...AH
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EVERYBODY CLAIMED THAT EVA OBA-SAN, THE SOLE SURVIVOR WAS THE CULPRIT.
BUT WITH TIME...
THEY GREW TIRED OF IT, AND AFTER LEARNING THAT SHE WAS LEAVING ALL OF HER FORTUNE TO ME, THE MASS MEDIA AND MANY OF THE FORGERY AUTHORS CAME TOGETHER TO DRAW UP A NEW CULPRIT THEORY.
"WHY WAS YOUNG USHIROMIYA ANGE THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS NOT AT THE FAMILY CONFERENCE?"
"RUDOLPH'S FAMILY WAS INVOLVED IN SHADY BUSINESS WITHOUT ANY DOUBT!"
"KYRIE'S BIRTH-HOME LEADS A LARGE SCALE MAFIA GROUP AND HAS MANY UNSAVORY CONNECTIONS"
"RUDOLPH'S BUSINESS IS BUILT ON FRAUD!"
"THE PAST OF HIS FIRM IS FULL OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND HE AND KYRIE RAN INTO A LOT OF TROUBLE OVER PARTY TICKETS"
"THERE IS TESTIMONY ABOUT HIM EXCHANGING HIS INFANT CHILD!"
IN THE BEGIN-NING ...
WAAAAH.
AAAAAAAAAAAAAH

ALL OF A SUDDEN THE "RUDOLPH HOUSEHOLD CULPRIT THEORY" WAS THE CENTER OF ATTENTION.
HEY, USHIRO-MIYA.
I HEARD THE TRUE CULPRITS ARE YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER!
RU-DOLPH AND KYRIE! BATTLER PROB-ABLY, TOO!
YEAH, RIGHT? IT'S WEIRD THAT THEY LEFT THEIR DAUGHTER BEHIND!
HER BIRTH-HOME IS A YAKUZA -CLAN,
TO EXCHANGE YOUR CHILDREN AND LET A DIFFERENT WOMAN RAISE IT...
PEOPLE COMMITED SUICIDE DUE TO THEIR FRAUD
SO THE RUDOLPH HOUSEHOLD THEORY IS TRUE?
WELL, THEN IT'S NOT FAR TO KILL YOUR OWN KIN, RIGHT?

MUST BE NICE TO GET ALL YOUR FAMILY'S MONEY FOR YOURSELF!
...OF COURSE, SHE IS A MURDERER' DAUGHTER AFTER ALL.
HEY!
YOU DON'T THINK SHE MIGHT HAVE...
USHIROMIYA EVA WAS ALWAYS CLAIMING TO BE POISONED BEFORE SHE DIED RIGHT?!
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT SHE WAS WEIRD!
RUDOLPH, KYRIE AND BATTLER WERE THE CULPRITS!
THEIR CRIME TO COLLECT THE INHERITANCE WAS FOILED WHEN EVA KILLED THEM IN RETURN.
HEY, MISS DAUGHTER-OF-THE-BOSS-OF-A-CRIMINAL-BUSINESS?
YOU'RE THE DAUGHTER OF THE CULPRITS, RIGHT?
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT YOUR FAMILY WAS SUSPICIOUS!
THAT ALSO EXPLAINS WHY EVA WAS ALWAYS SO VILE TOWARDS YOU...

SO, YOUR FAMILY REALLY DID COMMIT THAT CRIME?
WHAT DO YOU THINK? HEY, YOU!
AT LEAST SAY SOME-THING!
CUL-PRIT
CUL-PRIT
DON'T YOU FEEL RESPON-SIBLE AT ALL?!
DAUGH-TER OF MUR-DER-ERS.
CUL-PRIT
RU-DOLPH'S FAMILY, THEY'RE THE CUL-PRITS.

RU-
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PRIT...
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...
STOP
IT!
HELP!
THEY'RE
WRONG,
RIGHT?

FATHER...
MOTHER...
THAT'S JUST THE PUBLIC TALKING WILD, RIGHT?
BATTLER ONII -CHAN...!!

HUR-
RY
...!!
THIS
WAY...!

THA... THAT CAT...
SHE CAME TO GUIDE ME...!
WHE...
WHERE ARE YOU RUNNIG...? BLACK KITTY...!

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IT ...
IT'S USE-LESS, KITTY.
WE'RE SUR-ROUND-ED!!

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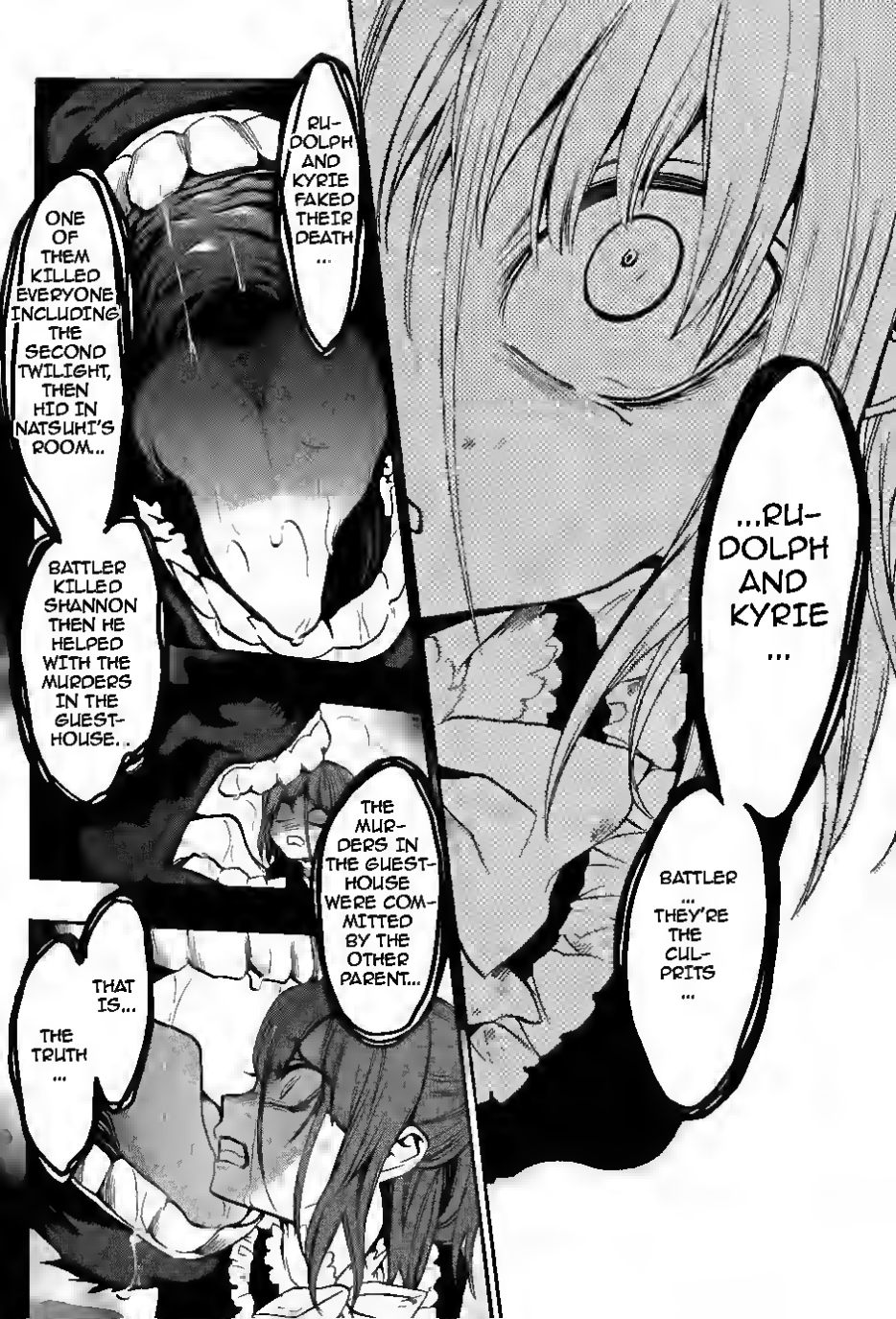

...RU-DOLPH AND KYRIE ...
BATTLER ... THEY'RE THE CUL-PRITS ...
RU-DOLPH AND KYRIE FAKED THEIR DEATH ...
ONE OF THEM KILLED EVERYONE INCLUDING THE SECOND TWILIGHT, THEN HID IN NATSUHI'S ROOM...
BATTLER KILLED SHANNON THEN HE HELPED WITH THE MURDERS IN THE GUEST-HOUSE..
THE MUR-DERS IN THE GUEST-HOUSE WERE COM-MITTED BY THE OTHER PARENT...
THAT IS... THE TRUTH ...

COUNTER
THEORY.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO LOGICALLY CONSTRUCT SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN A RUDOLPH HOUSEHOLD CULPRIT THEORY

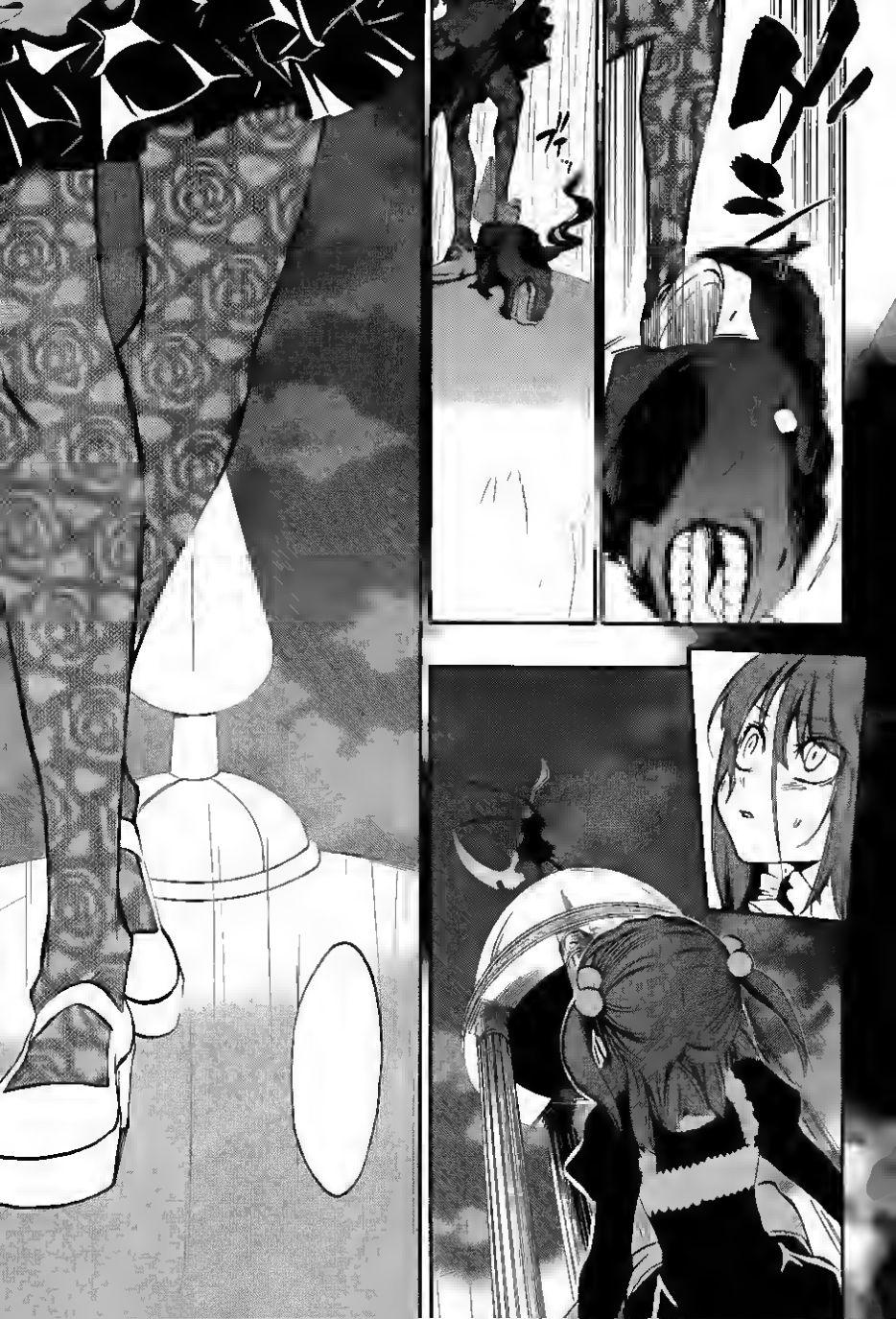
NOBODY BESIDES RU-DOLPH'S FAMILY IS ABLE TO COMMIT MURDER ...
IT IS CERTAINLY IMPOS-SIBLE...!!
WRONG.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO LOGICALLY CONSTRUCT SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN A RUDOLPH HOUSEHOLD CULPRIT THEORY.
FOR EXAMPLE ...
A GEORGE HOUSEHOLD CULPRIT THEORY.

A GEORGE HOUSEHOLD CULPRIT THEORY IS IMPOSSIBLE.
GEORGE CANNOT KILL SHANNON!!
SO HE CAN'T BE A CULPRIT
AND HE CAN'T GIVE A FALSE TESTIMONY!!
NO, IT IS POSSIBLE.

A CULPRIT IS DEFINED AS A MURDERER.
BUT IT WAS NEVER SAID THAT THIS MURDER HAS TO BE LIMITED TO AN ACT AGAINST THE GIVEN CHARACTERS.
IN OTHER WORDS, IF GEORGE COMMITTED AN ACT OF MURDER BEFORE THIS CASE, OUTSIDE OF THIS ISLAND ...

HE IS A CULPRIT WITHOUT EVER KILLING SOMEBODY ON THE ISLAND.
HE BECOMES ABLE TO TELL LIES.
AND SO GEORGE'S FAMILY, EVEN MARIA'S FAMILY GAINS THE MARGIN FOR CRIME.



HOW'S THAT?
THIS LEVEL OF REASONING IS POSSIBLE FOR FURUDO ERIKA.

THIS MIGHT BE OUR FIRST TIME, SO LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, EVERYONE!
I AM THE DETEC-TIVE ...
FURUDO ERIKA!!

NOW COME AT ME, YOU BLOCKHEADS WHO CAN THINK OF NOTHING BUT A RUDOLPH FAMILY THEORY!
I WELCOME ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO CHAL-LENGE MY THEORY!
OF COURSE ...
I EXPECT TO BE WEL-COMED TOO!!

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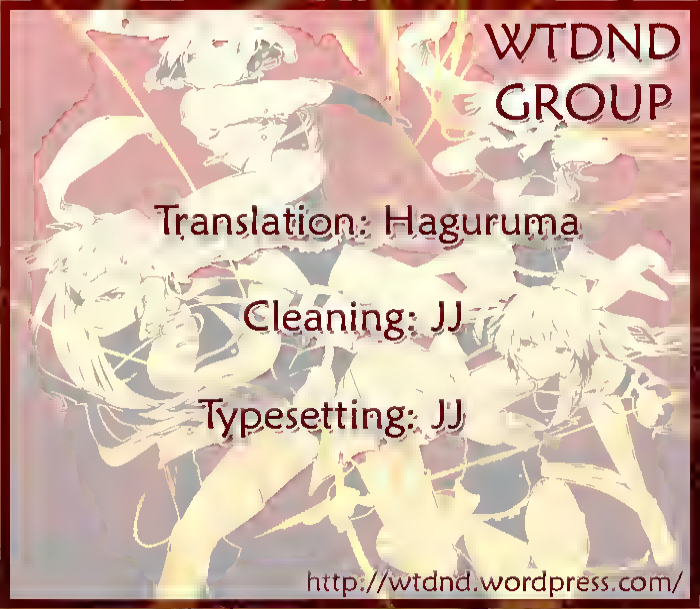
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